

A welcome from our Chairman

'Patcham in Action'

Hello and welcome,

Like many of members of the **Patcham Local Action Team**, I'm a local resident of Patcham. I became involved with the team through trying to solve a local issue by myself. I became immediately aware how quickly and efficient my problem was solved, and dealt with by the **PLAT**. Each of our meetings offer residents the opportunity to raise general crime and community safety issues and It is of no consequence how small your problem is, or that it maybe affecting the whole community. The purpose of the **Patcham Local Action Team** is to create a forum whereby local issues that concern the community can be raised and as the name suggests, **action** can be voted on, and taken to address the issue in question. The residents of Patcham want their community to be a safer place to live, enhancing the environment and to improve on its projects year after year. If we don't know the answer or cannot give you one straight away we most certainly will try to find the right person for you or work towards a plan of action.

In attendance at our meetings are distinguished Dignitaries, Local Councillors along side designated officers from the Sussex Police, various Tenants & Residents Associations, Schools and Environmental Representatives, Traders and Local Businesses who can help and support you with housing, education and business related issues and, last but not least, the dedicated efforts from members of the community themselves.

If it's a community issue that you would like to resolve we can work together and in partnership, like we have already responded to with some of our achievements which include, a successful campaign to reduce the recent local flooding problem, calming traffic of our roads, How to deal with bogus callers, crime prevention and the community clean-up days which have also been adopted by other communities.

Please make a note, and feel welcome to come along to our meetings, which are held on every **4th Thursday** of every month at the **Patcham Community Centre in Ladies Mile Road Patcham, at 7pm**. We are a warm and supportive group, full of people committed to improving things that matter.

This year we hope to work towards increasing members to the group, so we need as many of you as possible to get involved, and that it is increasingly led by people from the Patcham Community.

Bernard Copelin
Chairperson
PLAT